



IDAHO POTATOES

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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 34,490,000 cwt. of 1999 crop raw potatoes to January 1, 1 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 27,900,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 6,590,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 90,275,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to January 1, less than 1 percent more than the comparable period last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, ^{1/} EIGHT STATES, 1998 AND 1999

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	1998-99	10,410	19,190	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,490						
IDAHO Potatoes	1998-99	6,990	14,660	22,730	29,390	37,090	45,110	53,150	60,980	67,970	83,390
	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900						
Maine ^{2/}	1998-99			1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999-00			1,375	1,670						
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	1998-99	18,610	26,700	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,440	39,620						
Other States ^{3/}	1998-99			11,615	14,550	18,150	20,900	24,710	27,855	31,635	37,662
	1999-00			11,785	14,495						
TOTAL (8 STATES)	1998-99			74,185	90,075	109,000	128,385	149,275	167,765	186,940	220,197
	1999-00			74,570	90,275						

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine, Mich., Minn., N. Dak. or Wis. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ Mich., Minn., N. Dak. and Wis.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 86,000,000 cwt., 3,000,000 cwt. less than on hand January 1, 1999. Disappearance, at 47,330,000 cwt., is down from last year's 49,000,000 cwt. and below 1997's 48,814,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,700,000 cwt., above last year's 5,800,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 79,300,000 cwt., was 3,900,000 cwt. below the amount stored on January 1, 1999.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1, 2000 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 5.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 86.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 5.0 percent or 4.3 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 8.6 percent or approximately 7.4 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 3 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 238 million cwt. of potatoes on January 1, 2000, down 3 percent from the last two years. Storage accounted for 57 percent of 1999 fall production, one percentage point below last year. Disappearance in the 15 States from the start of harvest to January 1, 2000 was a record high 182 million cwt., up 3 percent from the same period last year and slightly above the previous record high in 1996. Processors used 90.3 million cwt. of 1999 crop potatoes so far this season, up fractionally from a year ago and 8 percent above two years ago.

The Three Eastern States stored 16.8 million cwt. of potatoes on January 1, up 3 percent from last year but 7 percent below 1998. Maine's stocks were up 4 percent, New York's storage gained 13 percent, but Pennsylvania's stocks declined 20 percent.

The Six Central States accounted for 50.9 million cwt. of potato stocks this January, down 12 percent from last year and 6 percent lower than two years ago. Minnesota's stocks dropped 29 percent and North Dakota fell 26 percent from last year. Michigan was off 5 percent and Ohio slipped 20 percent. Wisconsin gained 5 percent and Nebraska stored 11 percent more potatoes than last year.

The Six Western States held 170 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2000, down 1 percent from a year ago and 2 percent below two years ago. Colorado and Montana were up 5 percent each and Oregon stored 17 percent more potatoes this year than last. Idaho's stocks were off 3 percent and Washington's were down 6 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1994-99 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO			<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>					
1994	138,801	100,500	89,500	78,000	68,000	55,000	39,500	
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000					
15 STATES 1/								
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	274,370	238,160					

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 1999 AND JANUARY 1, 2000

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 1999	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2000	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,708	2,400	65	4,005	2,500	62
Colorado	25,360	16,500	65	25,762	17,300	67
Idaho	138,000	89,000	64	133,330	86,000	65
Maine	18,060	12,500	69	17,813	13,000	73
Michigan	14,648	7,500	51	14,963	7,100	47
Minnesota	21,170	12,000	57	18,020	8,500	47
Montana	3,180	2,980	94	3,325	3,120	94
Nebraska	8,175	3,900	48	8,904	4,320	49
New York	7,290	2,300	32	6,758	2,600	38
N. Dakota	28,670	17,500	61	26,400	13,000	49
Ohio	1,200	150	13	987	120	12
Oregon	26,229	17,500	67	28,020	20,500	73
Pennsylvania	3,360	1,500	45	3,080	1,200	39
Washington	93,225	43,500	47	95,200	41,000	43
Wisconsin	30,895	17,000	55	34,000	17,900	53
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	246,230	58	420,567	238,160	57